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SUBJECT ECONADS: WORK PROGRAM FOR 1975QOUY

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1. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION ON WORK PROGRAM AT SEPTEMBER 11 ECONAD MEETING RELATED TO ITEM (II), "EAST-WEST TRADE AND THE ROLE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION". FRENCH DEL LED OFF WITH GENERALLY NEGATIVE COMMENT, EXPRESSING DOUBTS THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD FIND THE TOPIC INTERESTING OR THAT THEY WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE, AND SAID THAT MEMBERS COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION INVOLVING COMMERCIAL CONFIDENTIALITY OR COMPETATIVE ADVANTAGE.

2. CANADIAN, NORWEGIAN, UK, BELGIAN AND, ON PERSONAL BASIS, DANISH AND US ECONADS SUPPORTED THE PROPOSED MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO US QUERY, CHAIRMAN CLARIFIED THAT "EXPERTS AND OFFICIALS" WORKING ON JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES, RATHER THAN MINISTERIAL OR SUB-MINISTERIAL OFFICIALS, WERE INTENDED TO TAKE PART. AFTER FRENCH, DUTCH, AND GERMAN CONTRARY COMMENT, CHAIRMAN ALSO DELETED FROM TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTEL THE LAST CLAUSE OF PARA (II), AFTER "... EXAMINE FUTURE TRENDS."

3. WHILE WORK PROGRAM WILL BE ON NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA AS
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WELL, FRENCH ECONAD WANTED SEPTEMBER 11 DECISION TO SHOW THAT FRANCE WAS "IN RESERVE"" ON THE INCLUSION OF ITEM (II) ON THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAM.

4. CHAIRMAN REITERATED HIS CONCERN ABOUT PLANNED OCTOBER 2

MEETING ON EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON ALLIED DEFENSE EXPENDITURES
SINCE NO ADDITIONAL COUNTRY SUBMISSIONS HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED.
US DATA MENTIONED STATE 206219 STILL HAS NOT ARRIVED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE FURNISH GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN REFTTEL AND
HEREIN PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING. IN VIEW OF OUR EARLIER
PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION OF JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (SEE
PARA 2B, USNATO 7031, 12/19/74) WE BELIEVE WE COULD HARDLY DO
LESS THAN SUPPORT POINT (II).
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